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TAGS: OVIP (MISSINGER, HENRY A.), PFOR, CH, US  
SUBJECT: CONTACTS WITH THE PRC

FOR HABIB AND HUMMEL FROM THE SECRETARY

REF: TOSEC 270493, STATE 234413, 21 TOSEC 270572, STATE 23413

1. ALTHOUGH WE AGREE THAT THE CHINESE HANDLING OF THE  
SCHLESINGER VISIT WAS POINTED AT THE SOVIETS, WE REMAIN  
CONVINCED THAT IT WAS ALSO A CALCULATED AND BLATANT

OFFERONT TO THE ADMINISTRATION AS WELL. AMBASSADOR  
GATES' ANALYSIS TOTALLY MISSES THIS POINT. WE ARE

FORTUNATE THAT THE PRESS HAS SOMEHOW MISSED THE POINT

AS WELL, THOUGH THIS COULD UTILL CHANGE ONCE THE  
SCHLESINGER TEAM RETURNS AND STARTS TALKING. IN ANY

EVENT, I RELIEVE OUR NEAR TERM POSTURE SHOULD SEND

SOME SIGNALS OF ANNOYANCE TO PEKING, WITHOUT DISRUPTING

FUNDAMENTAL STRANDS OF OUR POLICY. I WILL MAKE THE

LINKAGE UNAMBIGUOUS IF AND WHEN I SEE THEIR FOREIGN

MINISTER. IF HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK IS SIGNIFICANTLY

DELAYED, I WILL CALL IN AMBASSADOR HUANG BOTH TO TALK

ABOUT AFRICA AND TO MAKE KNOWN OUR DISPLEASURE OVER

THE HANDLING OF THE SCHLESINGER VISIT.

2. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FOR THE GESTIONS RAISED IN

RETEL:

1. PARATHREE. THE STATE REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE

HUMMEL AND RICHARDSON, BUT NOT HABIB.

2. PARA FIVE. YOU SHOULD GO AHEAD REPEAT GO AHEAD ON

THE CDC COMPUTER. THIS IS TOO BASIC A MATTER TO

REVERSE COURSE ON NOW.

3. PARA SIX. THE VOLLEYBALL MATCH AND RECEPTION.

ATTENDANCE SHOULD BE LIMITED AS INDICATED IN SUE- PARA

A. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE WHITE HOUSE OR

ANY MEMBER OF THE FORD FAMILY RECEIVE THE TEAM.

4. PARA SEVEN. AS OF NOW I LEAN TOWARD HABIB AND

BENNET, WITH EQUAL LEVELS IN OTHER AGENCIES, FOR THE

CHINESE RECEPTIONS. THIS NOT A FINAL DECISION.

HOWEVER, AND I WANT TO REFLECT ON IT FURTHER SO NO

ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

5. MAKE SURE THAT SCOWCROFT SEES THIS MESSAGE.

MISSINGER

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